

I wish to lodge a very strong complaint against WDCG 105.1 FM in Raleigh NC for their recent anti-bicycle tirade. For anyone to abuse their privilege to broadcast on the public airwaves by inciting motorists to run down bicycles on the roads of NC is inexcusable. There is no doubt in my mind that there will be incidents of violence incited by their tirade.

The timing could not have been much worse. On Oct 4, 1200 bicyclists from 44 states and three other countries began a seven-day tour across the state.

Clear Channel Communications morning shock jocks have broadcast such tirades in three markets: WMJI-FM in Cleveland in July, KLOL-FM in Houston in early September, and WDCG-FM in Raleigh in late September. To allow such irresponsible broadcasting to continue threatens the safety of those of us who bicycle for pleasure or as a healthier means of commuting to work. Clear Channel's licenses in these markets should be revoked immediately.

These incidents also provide strong argument for not allowing such large corporations to control so many stations. Unless they are severely punished for such abuse, they begin to feel the rules no longer apply to them. Their attitude, or at least those of the shock jocks, is no different than that of the KKK in the 60's, inciting the lynching of African Americans; they pick a group to berate and then incite acts of violence against them.

Regards,
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